

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 IO-13 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07

L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06

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R 030810Z OCT 76  
FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5009  
INFO AMEMBASSY DOHA  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
AMEMBASSY MUSCAT  
AMEMBASSY MANAMA  
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS : PINT, TC  
SUBJECT : INTERNAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS

REF: ABU DHABI 2440, ABU DHABI 2535

1. "PRESSURE" ON SHAIKH ZAYED TO STAY ON AS PRESIDENT OF  
UAE CONTINUES UNABATED. PRESS CARRIES DAILY REPORTS OF  
NEW GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WRITING LETTERS AND MAKING  
STATEMENTS TO THIS END. LATEST MANIFESTATION WAS "MASS  
RALLY" IN AL AIN OCTOBER 1 IN WHICH CROWD CARRYING  
BANNERS, PHOTOS ET AL AGAIN CALLED ON ZAYED TO STAY.  
ZAYED'S RESPONSE WAS LESS THAN PRECISE. ON THE ONE  
HAND HE STATED THAT HE WOULD NEVER GO AGAINST WISHES OF PEOPLE  
WHO HAVE FINAL SAY IN COUNTRY'S AFFAIRS AND  
THAT WHEN PEOPLE HAVE STRONG VIEWS THEY SHOULD SPEAK  
AS LOUDLY AS POSSIBLE. ON OTHER HAND HE NOTED THAT HE  
AND OTHER RULERS ALL HAD DUTY TO "SOLDIER" ON BEHALF OF  
NATION AND THAT IT WAS HIS DUTY AT END OF FIVE YEAR  
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TERM OF PRESIDENCY TO STEP DOWN ANP MAKE ROOM FOR HIS

BROTHER RULERS TO LEAD. ZAYED APPARENTLY CONCLUDED BY ASKING ORGANIZERS TO END THE DEMONSTRATION AND TO GIVE "PRESENT CONSULTATIONS" CHANCE TO FIND SOLUTION.

2. CONSULTATIONS HAVE INDEED CONTINUED WITH VARIOUS RULER'S VISITING EACH OTHER UP AND DOWN COAST. FONMIN SUWEIDI WHO CONTINUES TO BE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THIS QUESTION HAS, ACCORDING TO MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS GHOBASH, CANCELLED HIS PLANS TO GO TO NEW YORK FOR UNGA AND WILL INSTEAD REMAIN AT HOME TO WORK ON INTERNAL QUESTIONS. IN FACT SAME DAY RALLY TAKING PLACE IN AL AIN, PRESS PHOTOS SHOW SUWEIDI MEETING WITH SHAIKH SULTAN OF SHARJAH. SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING REPORTEDLY SET FOR OCTOBER 12. IN SHORT, EVEN THOUGH EVENTUAL OUTCOME APPEARS CERTAIN, SUCCESSION ISSUE IS STILL VERY MUCH ITEM OF THE DAY IN UAE WITH DETAILS AT LEAST PRESUMABLY STILL UP IN THE AIR.  
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